



Case Mountain Vegetation and Forest Health Plan

Cultural Resources

A cultural resource is a place, feature or object associated with past or present human use and cultural values. Cultural resources may be archaeological sites or places that are important to living people, such as locations where Native Americans conduct traditional plant gathering or religious ceremonies, sometimes called Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP). Federal laws require that potential impacts to cultural resources are considered during project planning.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

The process for insuring that potential impacts are identified and addressed is described in regulations associated with the NHPA. Stakeholder input is an important part of this process. This includes interested members of the public , individuals and organizations, and Native American tribes.

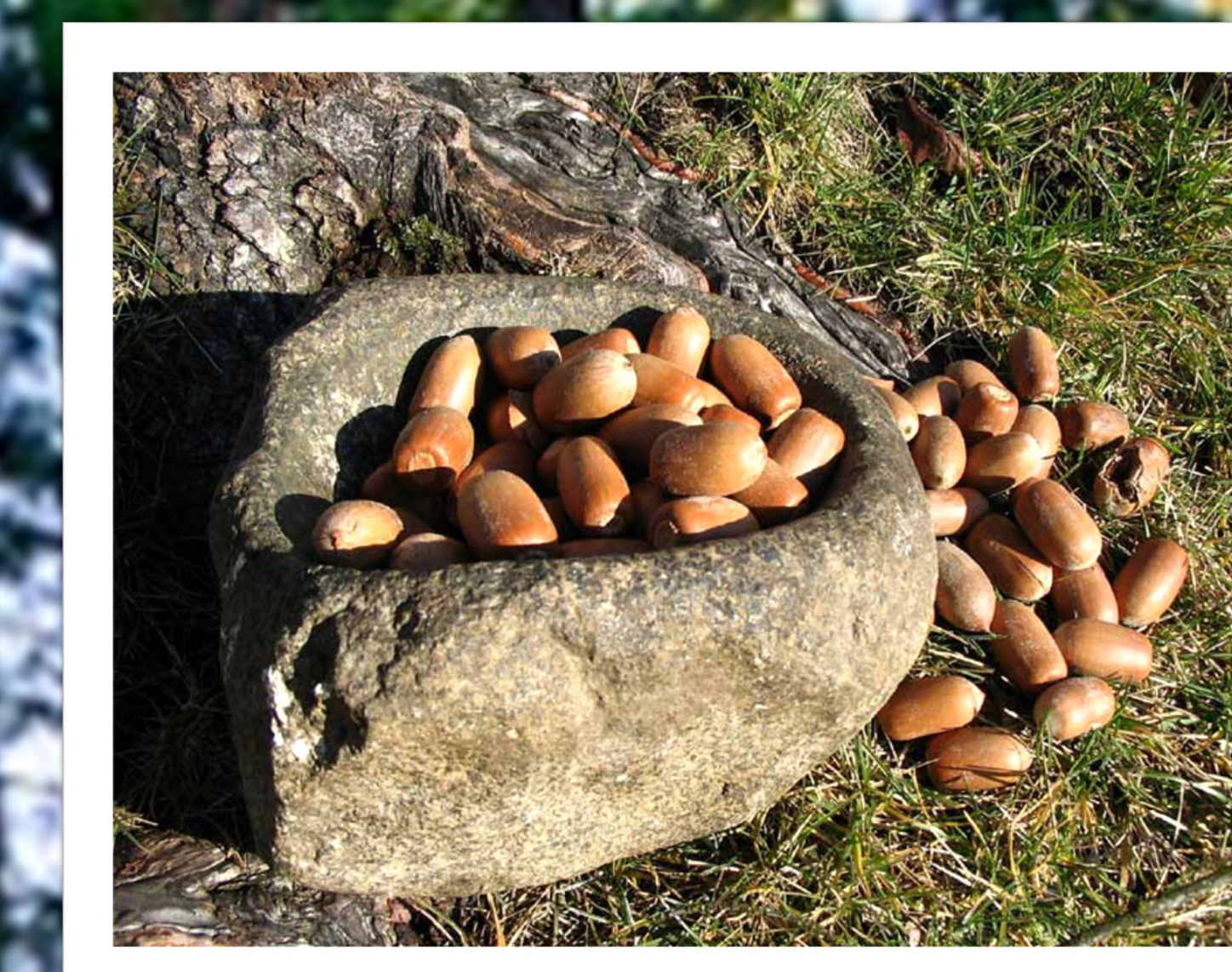
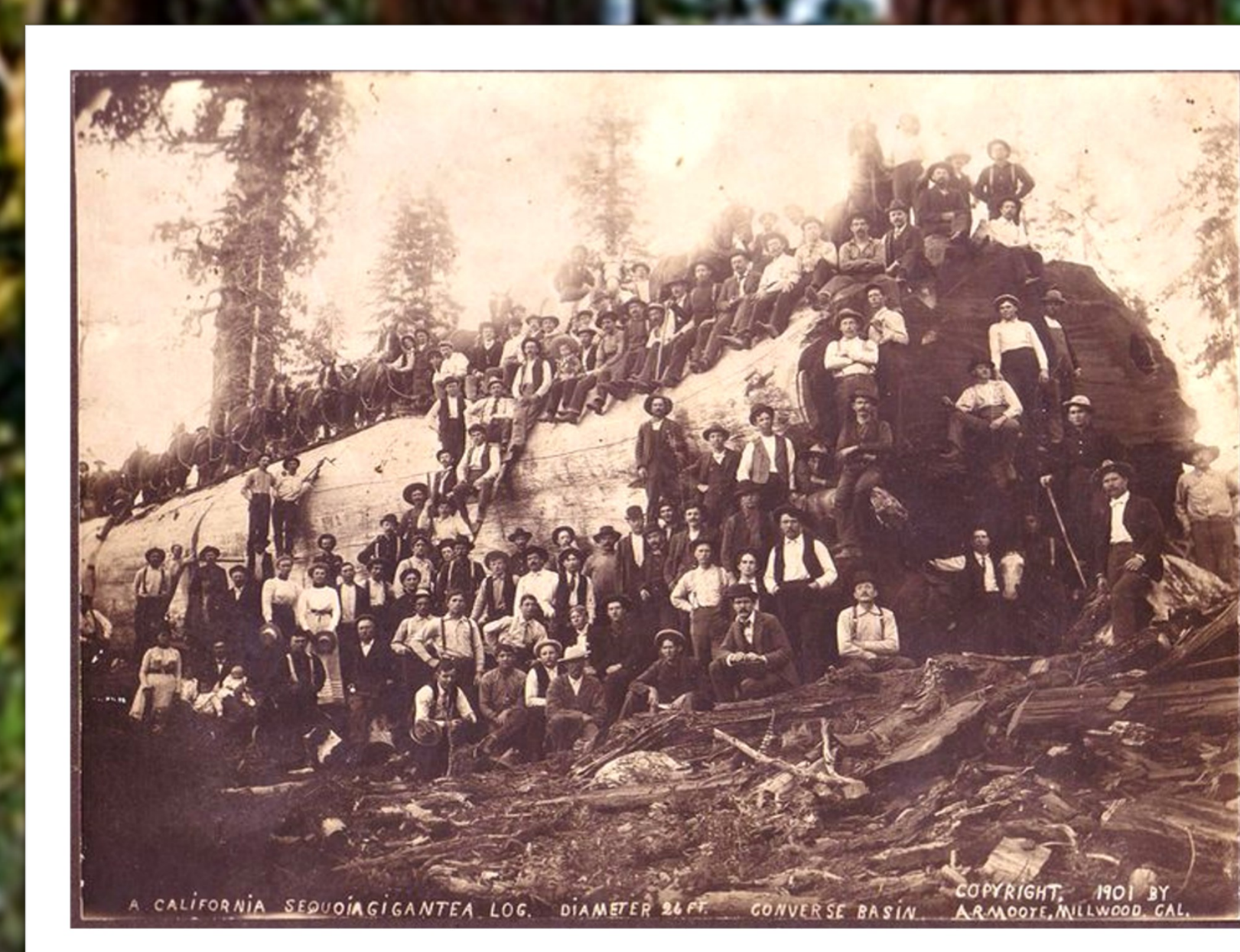
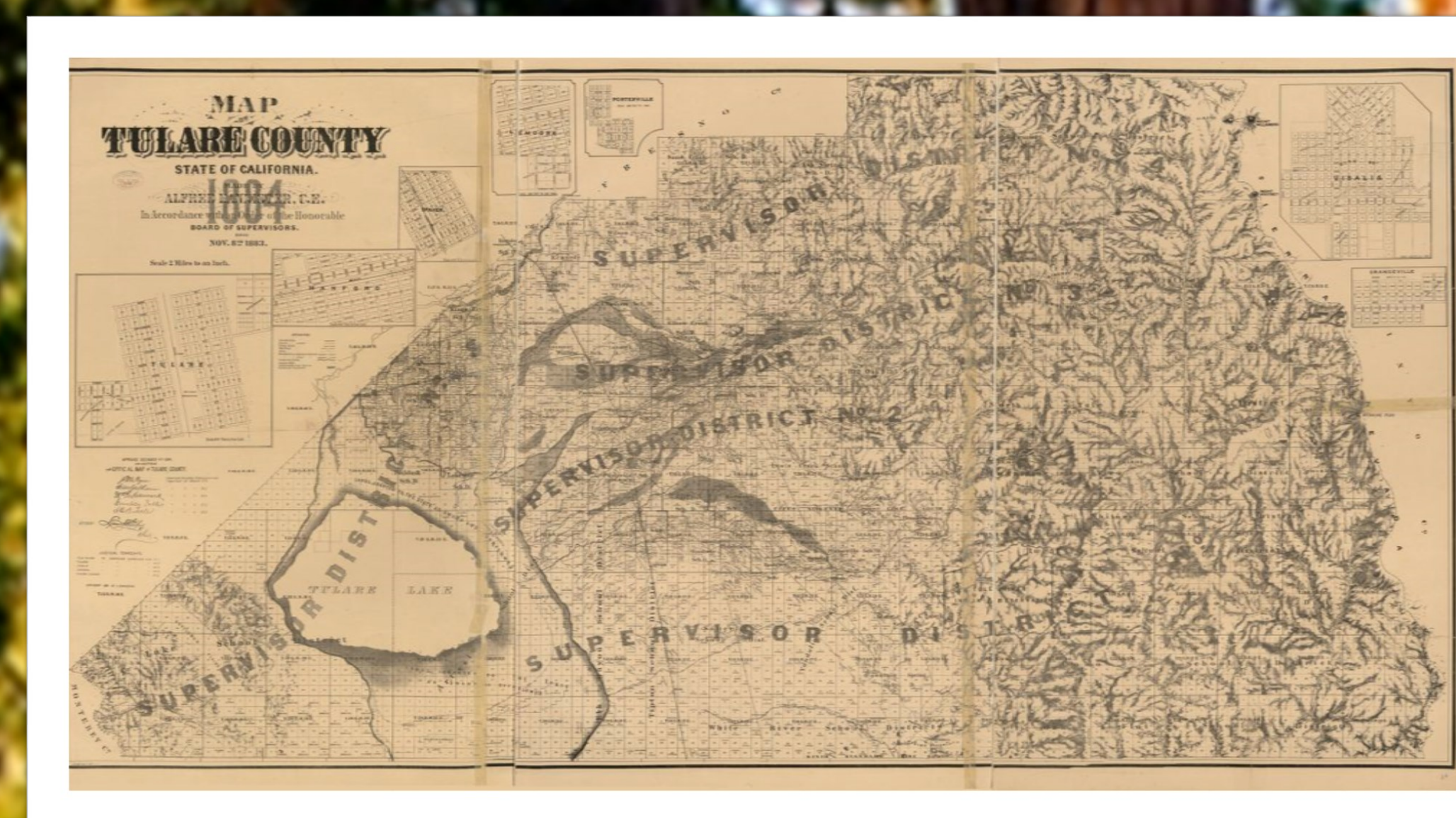
Traditional Cultural Uses

Traditional uses of natural resources are also considered during planning. This will be especially important for the Case Mountain Vegetation and Forest Health project due to it's focus on vegetation management.

How you can contribute to our planning process

Public and tribal input is critical to the development of effective management plans . The BLM encourages your participation in this process. If you would like to share information regarding the location of cultural sites or have knowledge of local historical events that could contribute to our understanding of the area, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, any information regarding traditional uses of forest products or cultural values associated with natural resources would help guide our planning efforts.

There are federal laws which protect information regarding the nature and location of cultural sites or traditional use areas. This can allow us to maintain the confidentiality of this information. Please let us know if any information that is provided to us should be treated as confidential.



Case Mountain Area Cultural Resources

The region which includes the Case Mountain Vegetation and Forest Health Plan area has a rich history of human use and occupation that stretches back for thousands of years. This is reflected in a rich archaeological and historical record. In addition, Native American people continue to practice traditional gathering throughout these forests.

Cultural Resource Identification

In order to identify cultural resources that might be affected, the BLM will conduct the following:

- historical background studies for the planning area to help determine what types of cultural resources might be present and their significance
- Intensive archaeological surveys of the planning area
- tribal coordination and consultation
- other stakeholder coordination

Cultural Resource Protection

In order to protect cultural resources from impacts , all archaeological sites will be avoided during project activities. The BLM will also work with forest traditional gatherers to help insure that impacts to collection areas will be minimized.